

### Purpose

The Arterial Improvement Program (AIP) was established in 1967 as the Urban Arterial Trust Account. The intent of the AIP is to improve the urban arterial street system of the state by improving mobility and safety while supporting an environment essential to the quality of life of the citizens of Washington State.

The program funds urban city street and county road projects to:

- ❖ Improve the flow of people and goods
- ❖ Improve safety
- ❖ Improve pavement structure and roadway width concerns, and
- ❖ Encourage multimodal usage of roadways.

### Eligible Agencies

To be eligible for the AIP, projects must be within an urban area with a population of 5,000 or greater.

Eligible agencies include:

- ❖ Cities; and
- ❖ Portions of counties with urban areas.

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### Funding Application Requirements

Roadways eligible for AIP funding **must** be classified on the federal functional classification system as a **principal**, **minor**, or **collector** at time of application for funding. Each local agency must work with their MPO or RTPPO, and the WSDOT Highways and Local Programs office to change the classification of a route. Under special circumstances, the Board may fund projects outside the urban area. These projects must be on a classified route and must connect two other regionally significant routes or possess definite urban area characteristics as defined by the local comprehensive plan.

The first phase of the project must **begin within 10 months of project selection**. An abbreviated version of the prospectus is acceptable for projects with no changes or deviations.

The project is **not** required to be listed in the agency's Six Year Transportation Improvement Program at application submittal. However, the project must be on the appropriate Local and Regional Transportation Plans at application.

The agency must submit an adopted bike plan along with the application. The agency must verify that the plan meets the following requirements:

- ❖ Integrated with the existing designated bikeways; and
- ❖ Integrated with bikeways of adjacent agencies, if applicable.

Design of bicycle facilities shall be in accordance with definitions, criteria and design standards shown in the WSDOT Design Manual, Section 1020, or agency adopted standard.

### Application Package

Each project proposal for AIP funding must include the following enclosures in their application package:

- ❖ A completed funding application for each submitted project
- ❖ Local and regional transportation plans showing the proposed project.
- ❖ A legible **8 ½" x 11"** vicinity map showing the proposed project location.
- ❖ If the proposed project has an accident history, an Accident Reduction and Annual Benefit Worksheet and Summary Sheet must be completed and attached to the application.
- ❖ Documentation of public involvement on the project. Include a schedule of past and proposed public meetings throughout the project development.
- ❖ A project cost estimate including all proposed elements of work (if available).

Each application must be reviewed and signed by a licensed professional civil engineer registered in the State of Washington.

### Application Due Date

In July of each year, the TIB will request agencies to submit applications for AIP funding. The applications, including all required enclosures and attachments, are due by **the last day of September**.

### Rating Criteria

Applications are prioritized for each region and rated against the following criteria:

- ❖ Safety
- ❖ Mobility
- ❖ Pavement Condition
- ❖ Roadway/Shoulder Widths
- ❖ Multimodal/Intermodal Facilities
- ❖ Project Cost
- ❖ Other Factors

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### Matching Ratio

AIP projects authorized by the Board are reimbursed in accordance with the following rate schedule:

#### City Population Maximum Matching Ratio

Under 10,000.....	90%
10,000 – 14,999.....	85%
15,000 and up.....	80%

#### County Population      Maximum Matching Ratio

10,000 or less.....	90%
10,000 – 210,000.....	85%
Over 210,000.....	80%